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Thursday, September 9, 1965

Discrepancy Explained In Parkland Acreage

In his Report to the People published in last week's News Review, City Manager James K. Giese stated that there were 106 acres of park land in Greenbelt. Yet only last spring, the City published in its Information Handbook that it had 218 acres of park land. When questioned about the discrepancy, Giese offered the following explanation:

"The 218-acre figure is one which the City has used for some time. As I understand it, a former Recreation Director made a survey of city park land and made the determination of 218 acres. How he reached this conclusion, I don't know.

"When the new City map, which shows all property lines, was completed this year, it became obvious that the City's total park acreage could not possibly be as high as 200 acres. Consequently, a research of deeds was made, and the deeds provided information as to acreage for a number of parks. However, acreage figures were still missing for many parks, including the lake park and Braden Field. The City's consulting engineers were then requested to calculate acreage for the remaining parks. When all figures were compiled for all park land, a new total of 106 acres was obtained."

Giese further noted that a sizable portion of the park land originally dedicated by the Federal Government was lost by the taking of land for the Capital Beltway and the selling of Center School to the County. This was partially made up by the dedication of land in the Woodland Hills and Lakewood subdivisions.

Notice - Bicycle Entries

This is to notify the riders of bicycles #38 and #38½ that they are the winners of a cash award, and that their prizes, donated by the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, can be picked up at any time after 7 p.m. at 104 Lastner Lane. Be sure to bring your entry tag showing your numbers when you come. The decorations were of clowns with horses.

Sgt. Austin R. Green

Bean Guessing Contest

Over 350 entries were received in the bean guessing contest sponsored by the Greenbelt Tutoring Group during the Labor Day Festival. The winner of the contest was Miss Katherine McCaughy, whose winning guess of 2849 was closest to the exact number which was 2835. The prize was a Merriam-Webster dictionary.

Labor Day Parade Awards

Best Senior Majorettes, First prize, Bladettes; Best Senior Majorettes, 2nd prize, Elks of Riverdale; Best Junior Majorettes, 1st prize, Colmar Manor Legionettes; Best Junior Majorettes, 2nd prize, Bladettes; Best Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit, 1st prize, Colmar Manor Post 131; Best Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit, 2nd prize, Civil Air Patrol; Best Junior Marching Unit, 1st prize, Civil Air Patrol; Best Junior Marching Unit, 2nd prize, Maryland Missilemen; Oldest Motor Vehicle, 1st prize, 1914 Ford; Oldest Motor Vehicle, 2nd prize, 1929 Ford; Best Civil or Community Float, Springhill Lake; Judges Award, Civilian Color Guard, Knights of Columbus; Judges Award, Military Color Guard, Navy Waves of Bainbridge, Md.; Best Appearing Police Cruiser, Maryland Park and Planning; Best Appearing Motorcycle Group, U. S. Park Police; Best Appearing Police Majorettes, Prince Georges Police Department; Judges Award for Veterans Color Group, Colmar Manor Legion; Best Decorated Boy and Girl Costume, riders of Bicycles #38 and 38½.

Awards for Fire Department and Majorette Units;

Senior Majorettes, 1st prize, Beltsville; 2nd prize, Branchville; Junior Majorettes, 1st prize, Chillum-Adelphi, 2nd prize, Burtonsville; Ladies Auxiliary, Branchville; Ladder Truck, Oxon Hill; Fire Prevention Float, Glenn Dale; Ambulance, Beltsville; Pumper 750 & Under, Berwyn Heights; Largest Fire Department Group, Berwyn Heights; Pumper over 750, Glenn Dale; Apparatus Coming Longest Distance, Oxon Hill; Judges Special Award, Kentland Snorkle.

Special Cash Awards

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps, 1st prize, Marylandettes; 2nd prize, Kenilworth Knights; Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Carrollton; 2nd prize, Metropolitan Police Boys Club; Best Decorated Clown Club, Clowns with Horse; Best Horse Group, 202 Stable from Largo; 2nd prize, Ponies and Cart.

Antique Show and Sale

The Annual Antiques Show and Sale sponsored by St. Thomas Parish of Croome and Brandywine will open on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 1 to 8 p.m. at Edelen Brothers Tobacco Warehouse in Upper Marlboro.

Sixty dealers and collectors from nine states and the District of Columbia, and from as far away as Michigan, Ohio and Florida, have reserved floor space for this year's showing.

Paintings, art glass, jewelry, and silver will fill the showcases during these three days. Many browsers will be dealers themselves.

Candidates Forum Sept. 14

The Greenbelt Lions Club will sponsor a traditional Candidates Forum on Sept. 14 at 8:15 p.m. All candidates seeking office on the City Council in the Sept. 21 election will be invited to attend. Greenbelt citizens will be invited to see and hear all the candidates. A question-and-answer period will follow.

The Chairman for the forum will be Edward Wuermser, president of the Greenbelt Lions. For further information, call him at 474-6012.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Sept. 9, 7:45 p.m. G.H.I. Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Fri., Sept. 10, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospitality Room.
Mon., Sept. 13, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Tues., Sept. 14, 8:15 pm Lion's Club Forum for City Council Candidates, Municipal Building

N. S. A. Concert Pleases Appreciative Audience

An appreciative audience of over 200 people heard the N. S. A. concert last Monday at the Center School, applauding a well-rounded program presented by the Glee-men and the Madrigal Group. The humorous sextet from "Robin Hood" was a particular crowd-pleaser. Tenor soloist Don Raytkwich displayed an exceptional voice, and the final "Tarantella" brought out the full impact of the total male chorus.

The musicians, directed by Frank Lewis, with Fred Beaudoin as accompanist, are beginning to feel very much at home in Greenbelt, and it is hoped that they will return again next year.

Intermission refreshments were served by 4-H Club girls and members of the Coop delegation, and supplied by Greenbelt Consumers Services.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday
September 13, 1965

- I ORGANIZATION
- 1 Meeting Called to order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Minutes of Regular Meeting 8/16/65 and Special Meeting 8/25/65
- 4 Additions to agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- II COMMUNICATION
- 5 Bid Openings a. Office Furniture - Chairs
- b. Council Room Tables
- 6 Public Hearing - Special Assessment Improvements - Greenhill-Hillside Road
- 7 Petitions and Requests
- 8 Committee Reports
- 9 Administrative Reports - Report from Police Chief
- III OLD BUSINESS
- 10 Ordinance to Provide for Construction Improvements, etc., Greenhill-Hillside Road (2nd reading)
- 11 Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 574, an Ordinance Repealing Various Ordinances Regulating the Act of Littering, etc. (2nd reading)
- 12 Resolution to Urge Additional Hospital Facilities (2nd reading)
- 13 Appointment of Election Workers
- IV NEW BUSINESS
- 14 Zoning
- 15 Littering
- V MISCELLANEOUS

Linda Howey Crowned Miss Greenbelt 1965

The 1965 Miss Greenbelt Contest was held before a packed house at the Center School on Sunday evening, September 5, with Linda Howey representing KAY-DEE Furniture as the winner over a field of 14 beautiful contestants, Miss Howey, who is 17 years old, had been the runner-up in last year's contest. She is a graduate of High Point High School and works for the U. S. Treasury Department. Second place went to Linda Shepherd, representing Fashion Floors of Beltway Plaza; She is 18 years old and attends High Point. Third place was won by Linda White, representing the Lion's Club; she is 16 years old and also attends High Point.

The 14 contestants were presented at a dance at the Center School and at the Youth Center on Saturday and climaxed their active weekend by riding in convertibles in the Labor Day Parade and viewing the parade from the reviewing stand with many dignitaries.

The first prize trophy was donated by Mrs. Mildred DonBullian in memory of her husband, Eli DonBullian, who was responsible for many fine Labor Day Festivals over the years. Second and third place trophies were donated by Mrs. Plakos in memory of her husband. "Chief" Plakos, who, although a native of Beltsville, loved this city.

The Toastmasters Club of Greenbelt, a public speaking training organization, conducted the program. Questions were asked of each contestant and three out-of-town Toastmasters judged the contest on the basis of beauty and personality. Miss Carolyn Finley, last year's Queen, crowned the new Miss Greenbelt.

Music was provided by Michel's Buttons and Bellows Accordion Band from Laurel, Maryland, featuring students from Donna Michel's Accordion Group. Miss Michel played individual songs for each girl as she was escorted to the stage.

Community Church Program

On Saturday, September 11, members and friends of Greenbelt Community Church will have an All Church Outing at Camp Waradaca, Brookville, Md. Families will gather at the church at 8:30 a.m. with lunch and folding chairs. Recreation is planned for the children. Speakers at the outing will include the Rev. Alphonsus Smith of St. Hugh's Church, Greenbelt; the Rev. Shedd Williams of Ingram Church, Washington, D.C.; and Michael Tabor, Chairman of the Prince Georges County War on Poverty Action Project. Boards and Committees of the church and the Church Council will meet at the camp to make plans for the coming year.

Next Sunday the church Sunday morning schedule will change, with the Morning Service being at 10:45 a.m. The Church School schedule will be: Grades 5-12 meeting at 9:30, and children from infants through Grades 4 meeting at 10:45 a.m., the same hour as the church service.

Next Sunday, parents of junior and senior high youth will meet with the young people at 9:30 to discuss the coming church school program.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Special Assessment Improvement - Greenhill-Hillside Rd.

The City Council of Greenbelt will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 13, 1965
8:00 P.M. - Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road

The purpose of the hearing is to consider an ordinance which proposes paving Hillside Road from the end of Greenhill Road to Research Road, together with constructing curb and gutter and sidewalks. The ordinance further proposes assessing the adjacent benefiting property owner, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., an estimated cost of \$9,950.00. All persons so desiring will be granted an opportunity to be heard.

Nita Maschauer
City Clerk

21 Win Awards At Art Festival

The second Annual Art Festival, sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts and Crafts Guild as part of the Labor Day weekend activities, unqualifiedly bore out the expectations of a bigger and better show than last year's successful first venture into area-wide competition.

Over 200 entries were displayed in the Youth Center, with the new panel boards and the ample space contributing to a very pleasant setting.

The substantial prize list of almost \$250, plus \$40 in merchandise certificates, was divided among 21 winners in the various professional and amateur categories.

First prize in Professional Oils went to Greenbelt's own Jack Dillinger, with Isadore Reuben and Eugenia Connally being awarded Second and Third. Honorable Mentions were given to Cynthia Bickley and Natalie Fleming.

In the second category of Professionals, including water colors, drawings, and the like, Thomas Green placed first and Lawrence Lewis received second prize. Honorable Mentions went to Patrick Kelly and Jack Dillinger.

The Amateur division was especially well represented, with First Prize in Oils going to Ronald Samuelson, Second to Marie Picard, and Third to Jane Bigbee. Lynn Austin and Linda Reed won Honorable Mentions.

In Category II of the Amateurs, Jane Bigbee won First Prize, while Audrey Gurin and Lydalu Palmer received Second and Third. Barbara McGhee and Jay Fleming were awarded Honorable Mentions.

Frank Gettlein of the Washington Evening Star, who acted as judge for the competition, passed on a compliment to the community for the surprisingly high standards set by the quality of entries and general tone of the Art Festival.

In a special "popularity" vote, pictures being judged entirely on the basis of ballots cast by the visitors to the show, Marie Picard and Dan Kuhne each won a \$20 merchandise certificate given by Muth's.

During the awards, the name was drawn of the winner of the oil painting raffled off by the Guild to help defray the Festival expenses. Mrs. Arnold McGaha, 11-E Ridge, was the pleased recipient of Marie Picard's landscape.

Postmaster Commended

Postmaster Emory A. Harman has been commended by William H. Neal, National Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division, for his leadership and service to the Treasury's School Savings Program.

In a letter to the Postmaster, Neal pointed out that a successful School Savings program — through which pupils buy U. S. Savings Stamps at school on a regular basis — "requires the joint cooperation of teachers, parents, and volunteer workers — and, above all, good service by the post office and the understanding leadership of the Postmaster."

School Savings, which operates in many Greenbelt schools, is a part of the nationwide Savings Bonds program. Savings Stamps in five denominations, from 10 cents to \$5, are on sale at all times at the post office, and on Stamp Day in schools.

HEAR THE CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS

All Citizens are Invited to Attend a Public Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 1965 City Municipal Building
8:15 P.M.

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Festival Mood Shattered

The Labor Day festival last week-end was a success, and thanks are due to the hard-working individuals and organizations who were responsible for giving a great deal of pleasure to Greenbelters and to visitors from the surrounding area. There was something for everyone: carnival rides, tasty food, music, drama, and dancing, an enjoyable art show, and a spectacular parade. Even the weatherman outdid himself.

It is unfortunate that the festive mood had to be shattered by the ill-chosen remarks of the master of ceremonies at the parade. For some reason, he decided that the appearance before the reviewing stand of a spirited Negro band and marching group was the proper moment to spout—over the microphone—his personal feelings on the subject of “demonstrators” and people “who demand their rights”.

How the marchers managed to keep smiling and going through their paces was a mystery to many in the audience, who were embarrassed and infuriated by the speaker's uncalled-for remarks. Perhaps simple good manners kept them going. It is a shame our manners didn't equal theirs. Lecturing and scolding one's guests isn't our idea of hospitality, and although the master of ceremonies was not even a Greenbelter, the visitors probably assumed that he was speaking for all of us.

It was an ugly moment, yet the festival as a whole was a success. Perhaps next year's master of ceremonies will devote more time to learning the names of Miss Greenbelt and her court (on Monday they were completely garbled), and less time to favoring us with his True Confessions.

Sage Advice

To the Editor:

It was gratifying to see so many comments in the last issue of the *News Review* on my recent letter to the Editor. Surely we in Greenbelt can look forward to the future with great expectations and realizations, but while the neophytes are still floating around on “cloud nine” there remains a responsibility of the senior citizens to pass along some sage advice to the voters at the coming election Tuesday, September 21.

We have been hearing so much lately from the same group supporting the Park Land Bond Issue about preserving Greenbelt land for single family homes, and yet the taxes to pay off the bond issue are the very thing which will prevent the single family home builder from building in Greenbelt. It is not the single family home owner who needs the extra park land, but he is the one to feel the tax bite most. It does not cost the builder any more to build single homes in Greenbelt than elsewhere in the county, but he must charge more to provide escrow payments in the financing program to meet these abnormal taxes, and consequently he does not get ready buyers, his market is reduced. The same is not true with the apartment builder, as he is encouraged to build in Greenbelt with more park land available than any other section of the county, as he operates on a revenue basis and the abnormal taxes are of very little concern to him since he has the other taxpayers to shoulder the burden of these park land taxes.

Do we want to encourage single family homes and discourage apartment development in Greenbelt? The answer to that question must certainly be “yes.” Then it will be wise to vote “No” on the bond issue referendum Tuesday, September 21.

Charles T. McDonald

J.C.C. School Registration

A special registration for Sunday-Hebrew School will take place at the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County, Ridge and Westway Roads, on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12. Sessions start Sept. 19 for Sunday School; Hebrew School begins Monday, Sept. 13. Gerald Shectman is principal of the Sunday School and Rabbi Albert Platt is the principal of the Hebrew School. Call 577-0790 for further information.

“Project Pizza”

To the Editor:

The Swim Team scored another victory at the Labor Day festival. Team members and their parents had Greenbelt “swimming” in pizzas for three days. “Project Pizza” was a gastronomic success.

The Swim Team Festival Committee wishes to thank publicly the following persons (listed alphabetically) whose wise counsel and notable efforts helped to make possible this achievement: “Buddy” Attick, Roy Breashears, Ferdinand Cardano, Bill Edwards, Richard Stevenson, Phletus Williams, and Kenny Voigt. The Committee also appreciates the help of all the parents and the team members who worked in the booth.

Swim Team Festival Committee

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A VOICE OF THANKS

The 1965 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee wishes to thank, with sincere appreciation, the entire City of Greenbelt for helping make this year's festival a success.

Much thanks go to City Manager James Giese and the entire city staff, Buddy Attick and his crew, Richie Stevenson and his staff, and Police Chief Lane and his men for their wonderful cooperation in every way.

Thanks also to the many organizations, twenty in all, who participated in special events, ran booths, and donated prizes.

Thank you, thank you to Police Sgt. Austin R. Green for putting together the greatest parade ever to pass through Greenbelt.

Special words of thanks go to you, the citizens of Greenbelt, who attended the special events at the Center School, Youth Center and on the Carnival Grounds. You made it a happy time for everybody.

Last but not least, a bow of thanks to the weatherman, who threatened to put a damper on everything but who “took heart” and gave us three nice days.

1965 Festival Committee
Leo Gerton, Chairman

BICYCLE AND TENNIS WINNERS

Those children who did not pick up their parade entry prize for decorated bicycles may do so by presenting their entry number in the Twin Pines office between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday, September 11.

Bicycles

First Place: Rita Polaschik, as “Supercalifragilistic”

Second Place: Jacqueline Wells, as an airplane

Tricycles

First Place: Drew and Sheryl Talbot - “Keep Greenbelt Green”

Second Place: Bobby Sauer, as Sailor with Motorboat

Tennis Winners

In the Senior Men's Tennis Tournament, the winners were:

Singles: Cliff Simonson

Doubles: Cliff Simonson and Nat Shinderman

Thanks

I want to thank everyone who helped me with the Annual Labor Day Parade Lineup; also to thank the drivers who helped to transport honor guests and city, county, and state officials. Without your help, I could not have made it.

Sgt. Austin R. Green
Parade Chairman

Korean Folk Dancers

“The Little Angels”, Korea's national folk dancing company, will perform at Roosevelt High School Auditorium, 13th and Upshur Sts., NW., Saturday, Sept. 18 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. This performance is being sponsored by the Children's Theatre of Washington, a division of the D. C. Recreation Department.

Department.

Tickets for the performance may be purchased at the Children's Theater of Washington, a division of the D. C. Recreation Department.

Tickets for the performance may be purchased at the Children's Theatre Ticket Office, 3149 16th St., N.W., Ad 4-2050, or at the door.

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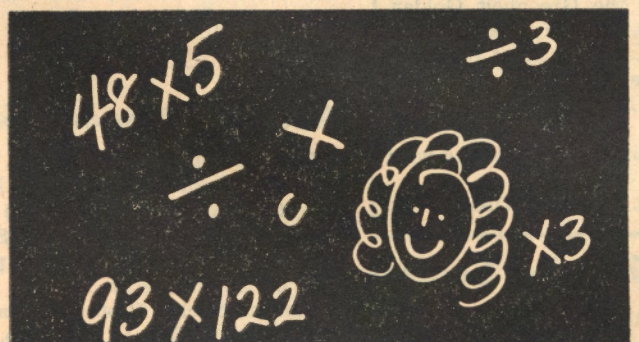
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**Report from Agent XMSPTL
Special Task Force to Planet Earth
Galactic Sector 006-34**

We hereby respectfully advise that we have made our centennial inspection of this small planet. We made landfall in a moderate sized community which may be considered typical of the local civilization, such as it is. The natives refer to it as Red Suspenders. My assistant states that we may be mistaken in the translation and that it could be Greenbelt.

We landed in the middle of what appeared to be some sort of autumnal rite or festival. As we touched ground, several of the natives ran up to our craft and wanted to know "where to get tickets for this ride." We saw some gaudy looking vehicles all around and assumed they were space ships, but none of them went up more than 30 feet or so. My assistant maintains that they were not space vehicles but instruments of torture, since we distinctly heard screams emanating from some of them.

One of the rites, known as the Miss Greenbelt contest apparently deals with the sacrifice of a maiden. A number of them were competing for the honor, and very attractive they were, too, if I may be permitted to digress. It would seem that the main requisite for these maidens is that they bear the name "Linda."

One of the features of this occasion was a display of the area's military might. There was a good deal of drum beating, no doubt to ward off the evil spirits. Some of the marchers were very good to look at. I had difficulty restraining my assistant, who has no aversion to a shapely limb. There were some great red machines which made eerie wailing noises, but I feel sure that they pose no threat to us whatsoever. On the contrary, the natives seemed friendly. Several,

noticing our space suits, asked if we were contestants in the bike parade.

Our liftoff was uneventful, except that I had considerable trouble persuading my assistant to return to the space ship. He wanted to continue tossing the tokens these natives use as a means of exchange into a geometric pattern in one of the booths near our landing place. I was unsuccessful in coaxing him to return until one of the natives handed him a facsimile of one of their life forms. The native's words were, "You won a teddy bear." We are not sure what the translation is, but we assume it means, "Welcome to our planet, most honored visitor."

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The Police Blotter

\$300 was reported missing from the High's store in the Beltway Plaza on September 6, and embezzlement or larceny is suspected. Police are seeking a missing employee for questioning.

This week a two-year-old boy was taken to the hospital after he swallowed approximately 20 baby aspirin. His stomach was pumped, and he is now in satisfactory condition. This is the second case in two weeks of an overdose of aspirin in a young child.

Three boys, ages 8 and 9, broke into a house on Greenhill Road while the owners were away on vacation. The boys, who live in the neighborhood and knew the house was empty, entered by removing a sheet of cardboard that had been used to replace a broken pane of glass. They tried to set two fires with lighter fluid, one in a pillow and the other on the kitchen floor. Both fires went out. Neighbors discovered the house had been entered and notified police. The owners had neglected to ask the police to check on the house while they were out of town.

While investigating the incident, police officers also discovered that four other juveniles had entered three houses under construction nearby. The youngsters had broken windows and damaged walls. According to Police Chief William Lane, the mother of one of the boys was annoyed with the police for

Brothers to Conduct Evangelistic Services

A special series of evangelistic services will be conducted by the New Life Crusade team at the Grace Memorial Church, 42nd Avenue and Newton St., Colmar Manor, on September 14 through September

finding that her child had been involved.

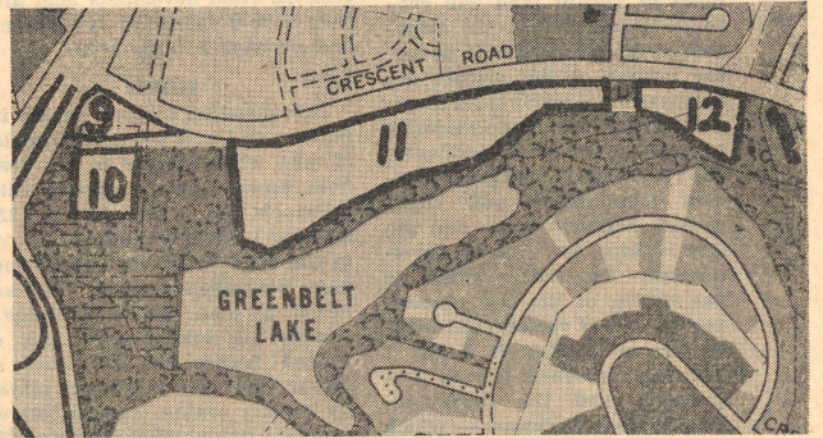
Chief Lane urges residents planning to leave town for more than 24 hours to notify the police so that patrols can check their houses. He also advises parents to caution their children against entering houses under construction, to avoid both temptations to mischief-making and also possible danger.

19 at 8 p.m. nightly.

The New Life Crusade Team is composed of two members - brothers - Rev. Dick Krueger and Rev. Donald Krueger. The evangelists have 15 years of experience in the ministry of evangelism in local churches and united efforts, having conducted over 375 crusades in many of the 50 states and 13 European countries. They have also ministered in Venezuela, where they conducted a number of evangelistic crusades.

The brothers join their talents in each service to present Gospel music. The Rev. William J. Oxenford, pastor of the church, extends a cordial invitation to all to attend these meetings.

GREENBELT LAKE AREA



Park Land Bond Issue

by James K. Giese, City Manager

(This is the second of a series of articles to provide information on the proposed \$250,000 bond issue for the purpose of acquiring land for parks and a municipal service building and for the development of such land acquired which the City Council unanimously submitted to referendum at the September 21 election.)

The primary purpose of the proposed \$250,000 bond issue is the purchase of park land. Exactly how much land can be purchased depends on what price the City will have to pay for the land. Unfortunately, the City is not in a position to negotiate for the purchase of the land or to purchase by condemnation unless it has funds available. Hence, it is not possible to discuss the specific prices to be paid for specific parcels of land.

At the direction of City Council, appraisals were obtained for four parcels of land in the vicinity of the lake. These appraisals indicate that with the approval of the bond issue referendum and with Federal Aid funds, sufficient funds will be available for purchasing these parcels.

Two of the parcels (9 and 10) are located between Kenilworth Avenue and the lake park parking lot on either side of Old Crescent Road. (See Map). Petitions are now pending for rezoning these parcels to C-2 Commercial. Interest has been expressed by developers for the construction of a high-rise motel overlooking the lake and the Beltway on this property. Total area for these two parcels is 4.46 acres.

Parcel 11 is the largest parcel of land, consisting of 15.04 acres. This parcel extends the entire length of the north shore from the lake park to the Pepco substation opposite Greenhill Road and from Crescent Road almost to the shore of the lake—the City owning only a narrow strip along the shore. Many people have picnicked or walked on this land thinking they were still in the park. Homes in Lakewood, Boxwood and Lakeside overlook this land.

Parcel 11 is referred to frequently by persons interested in land development as an ideal site for luxury high-rise apartments. However, both the City's master plan and that approved by the Park and Planning Commission provide for ten acres of this land to be used for a junior high school with the balance being used for parkland. The Board of Education has expressed its interest in jointly developing this land with the City to provide for its maximum use as a school and recreation area.

Parcel 12, consisting of 2.69 acres, is located on the south side of Crescent Road between the Pepco substation and St. Hugh's School. Homes in Lakewood and Woodland Hills are across the street from it. A strip of City park land, as narrow as 80 feet in one place, separates this land from homes on Lakeside Drive. Braden Field is also close to this parcel.

Other Uses of Bond Money

The ordinance providing for the bond issue authorizes the funds to be used for the purchase of land for a municipal service building site. As discussed in last week's report, only two to three acres are required for this facility to house the Public Works Department. Thus, the bulk of the funds can be used for park land acquisition.

Besides the purchase of park land and a service building, the ordinance provides that funds can be expended for two other purposes. Funds can be used for the development of the land acquired. It is intended that if—after the purchase of land—a balance of funds remains too small to purchase additional land, this balance can be used to de-

velop the land which has been purchased.

Excess funds may be used for one other purpose—redeeming the bonds issued. No other use of the bond money is permitted.

Cost to Homeowner

Obviously, if the City issues \$250,000 in bonds, it is going to have to pay this sum back plus interest. What will it cost?

The bond ordinance provides for the repayment of the loan over a 15-year period at the rate of \$15,000 a year for the first ten years and \$20,000 a year for the remaining five years. In addition, the City will have to pay interest on the unpaid balance. The interest rate will be determined on the basis of competitive bids. It is expected interest will be at about 3% per year. At this rate, total payment of principal and interest per year will vary from a high of \$23,000 in 1976 to a low of \$18,450 in 1975, with a payment due the first year of \$22,500.

The first payment of principal will be due on December 1, 1966, during the next fiscal year. The estimated assessed valuation for next year is \$30,000,000. Based on this valuation, a tax rate of 7½¢ would be needed to realize sufficient revenue to pay the first year's cost of principal and interest. At this rate, a home assessed at \$10,000 would pay taxes of \$7.50 for this bond issue in the first year. The average GHI home would pay \$3.10.

As the city grows the assessed valuation will increase. Only four years ago the valuation was less than \$10,000,000, for example. With each increase in the valuation, the annual tax rate to realize payment of this bond issue will be less and the individual homeowner will pay less each year.

Nor will the approval of this bond issue necessarily mean that the tax rate will be increased 7½¢ over this year's rate. Due to growth, the City realizes more revenues each year. This year's budget was increased more than \$75,000 over last year's without increasing the tax rate. But whatever rate is chosen for next year, it is fair to say that if the bond issue is approved it will be 7½¢ higher than what it otherwise might be.

Effect on Bonded Debt

The charter permits the City to issue bonds up to 10% of its assessed valuation. Thus, the present debt limit is about 2½ million dollars. Our present bonded debt is \$310,000, of which \$18,333 will be paid in October. Obviously, the City is well within its debt limitations.

Federal Aid Funds

Title VII of the Housing Bill of 1961 provides for assistance in the purchase of open space land in urban areas. An amendment to this bill was recently signed by the President, and it is now possible for the Federal Government to pay up to half the cost of land purchased for open space. As yet, the City has not applied for this aid because it has been awaiting clarification of the new regulations resulting from the newly-enacted amendment and because it is not yet able to commit funds for the purchase of land. However, preliminary investigation indicates that the City's application will receive favorable consideration for the purchase of park land and possibly for the service building site, too. Also, under the new amendment, funds will be available for sharing in the cost of site development.

Thus, the City can expect to buy this land at half price, with the Federal Government contributing the other half of the cost.

In next week's report I will try to answer any questions raised concerning this bond issue referendum. Any inquiries or comments which you might have will be welcomed.

(Space purchased by City of Greenbelt)

Candidates Answer News Review Questions

The candidates for Greenbelt city council at the election on Tuesday, September 21, 1965, are listed below. Their replies to questions asked by the *News Review* are given in the accompanying columns.

David C. Champion, 11-D Ridge Rd.
Robert E. Foley, 11-D Parkway
Harvey Geller, 117 Northway Rd.
William L. Hoff, 71-E Ridge Rd.
Lloyd L. Moore, 9-K Ridge Rd.
Richard R. Pilski, 6 Orange Court
Clifford H. Simonson, 8-C Ridge Rd.
Edgar L. Smith, 118 Greenhill Rd.
Francis W. White, 42 Lakeside Drive

LAND DEVELOPMENT

(1) The clash of public interest and private interest in the development of vacant land will continue to monopolize the attention of the next council. So far, the desires of the private developers have rarely been in accord with those of the majority of present Greenbelt residents; the developers seeking intensive commercial and high-density residential use and the city seeking low-density development. Especially critical is the zoning of the last remaining parcels of vacant land within Greenbelt—Parcels 1 and 2 between Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway — which the city's own Master Plan recommends be zoned largely for single-family homes. What are your views on the development of this land?

FOLEY

The residents of Greenbelt must be protected by its governing body, namely, the Mayor and Council, from developers who would exploit available lands within our community. I concur with the belief that Greenbelt should have low density. Regarding the City's Master Plan for Parcels 1 and 2 between Greenbelt Homes, Inc., and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, I believe this area should be confined to single-family homes.

GELLER

Throughout my continuous service on the Advisory Planning Board since its inception in 1960, I have consistently urged that the existing vacant land in Greenbelt be developed in an orderly fashion consistent with the City's goals and Master Plan. The adoption of these goals and this Plan, which is now taken for granted, was not always unanimously agreed upon. Along with other members of the Advisory Planning Board, we had to wage a vigorous fight for them, unsuccessful at first because of the preceding (1961-63) council's failure to adopt them. It was only successful after the election of the present (1963-65) council, whose philosophy of land development conforms to mine.

The present Master Plan calls for the development of the land behind GHI homes and the Parkway (Parcels 1 and 2) mainly in single-family residences. This concept must be preserved. It is the last remaining large parcel that can be so developed to accomplish the city's goal of limiting the total density of the city.

If I am elected to Council, I will continue the fight of the present council for the predominance of the public interest over private interests. I will not be swayed by propositions dangled in front of the city council by private developers which offer possible short-term gains but which would actually result in permanent public detriment.

Moreover, I feel that we should strongly enforce and strengthen our land development and building ordinances. Too often these builders show complete disregard for the City residents by their overloading of the City streets with trucks, the leaving of debris scattered around for the City to cope with, and the placing of signs that detract from our entrances. I also feel that site development regulations are needed to prevent the indiscriminate land clearing with the resultant drainage problems inflicted on the City and the adjacent

land owners. The time to do this is before the havoc is wreaked, not after, rather than try to force corrections from developers long after they have finished the development, and perhaps left the area.

HOFF

This question focuses on the important and ever recurring problem of just what exactly is the desirable density for our community?

Parcels No. 1 and No. 2 (229.8 acres of land) is a major area within the core of the city, which must have controlled density. The area needs a plan which contains a variety of town-houses and detached homes on lots that are larger than the minimum allowed by density zoning. Larger lots will increase their marketability. The land adjacent to the present GHI homes should be developed in a belt of town-houses (R-30), with a street plan and court systems compatible with the present development. The remaining area should be developed (R-55; R.R.; R-80) in single family dwellings with sufficient intervening green space to create "a City in a Park." This was the plan of the original Greenbelt.

The street plan should be designed to provide access for police, fire, and rescue organizations. This area is an excellent wooded section. Planning and lay-out, with planned walkways, can save much of the green area and add to the beauty of the area.

MOORE

It is my hope that the total development of vacant land within Greenbelt, and within contiguous areas around Greenbelt, can be zoned effectively to provide a well balanced variety of dwellings. I will continue to support the building of homes that meet the varying needs of our people as to type, size, and price. I will continue to fight against an over-abundance of any one category of zoning, and particularly against a maximum density development of our city.

It is my belief that a developer is entitled to a fair return on a fair investment; but I will not support the demands for the need to construct maximum density dwellings solely because of high land costs, or because of the desire of the developer to extract the greatest gain possibly available. On the other hand, for the good of all concerned, there must be a two-way basis of operations. There must be co-operation, both ways, between the developer and the city in order to effectively accomplish an orderly growth of our community. This, I will hope to help promote in such a way that neither side can cry, "Foul," against the other.

With particular reference to Parcels 1 and 2, I will continue to support the development of these areas to include such housing that will give the lowest density possible and feasible, placing greatest emphasis upon the construction of single family homes.

PILSKI

Vacant land in parcels 1 and 2 belongs in the core of the city. I believe these parcels should be developed into single dwelling homes.

The city master plan has parcel 1 in single dwelling homes and parcel 2 in garden-type apartments. I fear a developer submitting a request for parcel 2, and gaining approval, will at a later date submit another request for garden type apartments in Parcel 1, using the argument of following the characteristics of the adjoining land.

SIMONSON

I strongly endorse the City's Master Plan for Parcels 1 and 2. The designated use for these two parcels is similar to the initial plan prepared by a committee, which I chaired, of the Advisory Planning Board in 1962. It is also in accord with the City's Community Goals, which I helped formulate in 1962 as a member of the APB, and helped adopt in 1963 as a member of the City Council.

The City's Plan for Parcels 1 and 2 is mandatory if Greenbelt is to retain any similarity to its two sister Green Towns. Greendale, Wisconsin, has closely followed for many years its own Master Plan, calling for 18,000 people on 3600 acres, a population density of only 5 people per acre. More than half of the people will live in detached homes. Hundreds of acres of parks and open space are provided for. At best, Greenbelt would have a much higher population density and a far lower proportion of detached homes. At worst, Greenbelt could have a higher population density than the central cities of Washington, Cincinnati, or Milwaukee; less than 5% detached homes; and shopping facilities for more than 500,000 people along a 2-mile stretch of Greenbelt Road. Such a fate hardly befits America's best-known garden city!

WHITE

The development of parcels 1 and 2 will have a great deal of impact on the central core of presently developed Greenbelt. I would like to see these parcels developed in individual homes, in accordance with the City's Master Plan.

SMITH

The Greenbelt Master Plan adopted by the City Council for the development of parcels 1 and 2 provided for a small area to be developed in single family homes, the balance to be either park land or R-30 zoning. This is a good plan and would provide for low density development of this area. However, the District Council has under consideration a new zoning classification (R-T) which provides for less density than the R-30 zoning proposed by our plan. If this classification is adopted we should take another look at our plan, since I feel that a desirable development for this area would be single family homes as proposed, with the balance in R-30, R-T, and a maximum area set aside for park land.

CHAMPION

In my past six years on Council, I have worked for the establishment of an Advisory Planning Board, for the adoption of a master plan and have consistently supported this plan as approved by Council and will continue to do so in the future. The official city plan for parcels 1 and 2 presently recommends zoning in three variations; two of which are of the lower density categories and the balance to be preserved for public facilities and park lands. Provided that recent zonings, future zonings or relocation of public facilities do not alter the overall development plan, then this approach to its future zoned use should be followed.

ZONING APPEALS

(2) The city has employed a special zoning attorney and professional planner to represent the city at zoning hearings and to appeal zoning decisions adverse to the city's interests. Do you favor their continued employment and do you support the city's appeals filed in the cases dealing with the Golden Triangle and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway?

FOLEY

Employment of a competent zoning attorney and professional planner on an advisory basis to the City is mandatory for adequate representation at complex zoning hearings. Further, counsel is needed to apply necessary appeals for decisions adverse to the City's interest. I concur with the decision of the City in its appeal to the courts dealing with the Golden Triangle and the Smith-Ewing tracts.

GELLER

If the City Council is sincere in its attempt to preserve Greenbelt from a ring of high-rise apartments, and a network of 4-lane roads through the heart of the residential areas of the City, we have no choice but to appeal the zoning decision of the District Council on the Golden Triangle and the Smith and Ewing tracts. If we are to have any hope of winning in the courts we must match the battery of legal and planning experts hired by the developers, with our experts. Therefore, it is vital that we retain the services of professional planners and a special zoning attorney. Vigorous opposition to a regional shopping center in the Golden Triangle must not be diminished.

HOFF

Greenbelt was created by professional planners, and its prominence in our national history stems from what it represents in the history of city planning and social progress. Planning never stops!

Today's college and high school students still study Greenbelt as a model of professional city planning. Therefore, in order to maintain and further improve our "professional" Greenbelt, it is manifestly clear that we must continue to rely on a professional planner to represent the city at zoning hearings and to represent its interests to whatever extent possible. In addition, due to the greatly increased participation of courts in zoning cases, (for example, the Jaeger case), there is need of professionally competent legal aid.

Therefore, I feel greatly obligated in conscience to support the continued employment of these two positions, and for the same reasons most fully endorse the city's appeals filed in the Golden Triangle and the Smith-Ewing cases.

MOORE

Yes, I favor the continued support of a special zoning attorney and a professional planner to represent the city at zoning hearings and to appeal zoning decisions adverse to the city's interest. These matters are handled in certain prescribed and legal ways by the governing bodies with which we deal. Thus, it is necessary for the city to be represented by persons who are qualified, informed, and familiar with these methods.

I will continue to support the city's appeals filed in the cases dealing with the Golden Triangle and the Smith-Ewing tracts east of the B-W Parkway. However, I am personally concerned with the enigma of the Golden Triangle. Apparently, there are sufficient reasons, both legal and moral, to justify the city's appeal of the recent zoning of this land for commercial use. For these reasons, the citizens of Greenbelt have a right to be 'agin' it. But beyond being 'agin' it, and unhappy because all the trees were removed, the burning question is, "If we don't want commercial, then what do we want?" At this point, I believe we would be in a much better position if we had a positive and practical solution to offer for the best use of this land ... and to fight for this, rather than just to be against something.

PILSKI

Hiring a special attorney to represent the city at hearings and appeal cases is a duplication of the functions of the appointed City Solicitor.

The Charter states, "The City Solicitor shall be an attorney at law who shall have been admitted to practice before the Maryland Bar. He shall be the Chief Legal Advisor of, and Attorney for, the city."

If the attorney, as City Solicitor, does not qualify to perform functions required by the city, his appointment by the city manager should not be approved by council. The professional planner has performed the work council asked him to do. The major fee has been paid. Additional cost will be for his appearance as a witness. For this reason his services should be

retained on a fee for appearance basis.

The Golden Triangle, bounded by three major highways, has been approved by the county commissioners for commercial use. The character of the land does not make it suitable for residential use. Commercial office park zoning as recommended by park and planning does not exist. For these reasons I believe the courts will uphold the commissioners' decision.

The Smith-Ewing tracts have been appealed by the present council. Results may be known by election time. To take the case to the Court of Appeals, in the case it is lost in the Circuit Court, it would be the responsibility of council to get the feelings of the people at that time.

SIMONSON

The City's Professional Planner and Zoning Attorney must be retained until the ultimate character of our community is finally settled. The planner is needed to advise the APB and Council on traffic capability and other problems related to changing land use; to testify as an expert witness for the City at zoning hearings; and to consult with the zoning attorney for the most effective presentation of the City's position before deliberative bodies and in subsequent judicial reviews. The zoning attorney is needed to direct that presentation before the District Council or in courts of law.

I have supported and will continue to support legal opposition to any zoning decision that flagrantly ignores sound planning, the long-established character of Greenbelt, and the wishes of the overwhelming character of Greenbelters. I am convinced that human values of the citizenry should not be subordinated to the profit motives of a few and that the citizenry should have at least an equal voice in determining their living environment. This is not always the case, due to powerful lobbying by land speculators and other land profiteers; the Jaeger case is a tragic example.

WHITE

It is necessary that the city be legally represented by experts in the case of any zonings that are in opposition to the best interests of the city and its Master Plan and I would SUPPORT THESE APPEALS.

SMITH

When the present City Council took office two years ago, we were faced with many zoning problems, including a master plan proposed by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which threatened to destroy the character of our city and the concept of a well-planned community for which we are so widely known. Because of these problems and the inherent dangers, we found it necessary to retain the services of a special zoning counsel to assist us in the preparation of our cases before the District Council. We also found it necessary to retain the services of a professional planner to give professional advice to the Advisory Planning Board and, because of the emphasis which the Courts place on expert testimony, to testify on our behalf at zoning hearings. It is my opinion that the danger still exists and because of the large number of zoning petitions pending, it will be necessary to utilize their services for some time in the future.

CHAMPION

As a member of Council who originally employed both the zoning attorney and planner due to the need for expert testimony during this year, I am committed to retaining them. Additionally, I have testified as to the City's position before the District Council (re: County Commissioners) and have supported council decisions to appeal the cases mentioned. By these zoning appearances, I have automatically become a party to the suits filed in the courts which defend the City's position on land use.

Candidates Answer News Review Questions

REFERENDUM

(3) In order to assure that the central core of Greenbelt is preserved as open space and green area, a \$250,000 bond issue for acquisition of parkland adjacent to Greenbelt Lake (with Federal financial aid) has been proposed. Do you favor this proposal which will be voted on in a referendum conducted in conjunction with the council election on September 21?

FOLEY

I believe that if a referendum indicates popular support, that the City invest in a bond issue for acquisition of parkland adjacent to Greenbelt Lake, and if we can encourage federal financial aid, I would endorse this proposal. However, I feel that the citizens of Greenbelt should know exactly what they are getting into for \$250,000. What is the specific location of the land and how much land will be purchased for this amount of money? Has it been determined that the City will receive Federal financial assistance, and what amount will be granted? If Federal financial aid is not granted, will the amount still be \$250,000? How much will it mean in additional taxes annually to the people? I further feel that since we are discussing the purchase of parkland, the City at this time should pursue the acquisition of a parcel of land adjacent to Greenbelt Lake that is owned by Charles Bresler, which has been promised to the City for several years. In May of this year, Mr. Bresler, at a Council Meeting, told the members of the Council that in three to four months this parcel of land would be deeded to the City. The City should initiate action now for the transfer of this land to the City for parkland.

GELLER

Yes, I strongly favor this referendum for the reasons outlined in my letter to the News Review last week. In short, unless the citizens authorize council to acquire the privately-owned land around the lake for park purposes, the city will not be able to obtain from the federal government the remaining half of the funds necessary for this acquisition. The only way Council can initiate action is for the citizens to vote "yes" on the referendum.

HOFF

\$250,000 is now worth \$500,000! The federal Open Spaces program provides for a program of matching funds in the purchase of park land. The City Council has started a program to make use of this Federal Act to acquire additional parks and recreational areas. The city's program can qualify for these funds but needs the support of the voters on September 21st - Voting yes for the referendum.

The Advisory Planning Board and our professional planner, have recommended that the city purchase additional land for parks and recreational use. As Greenbelt grows, increased pressure will be put on its excellent recreational facilities. One of the chief goals of Greenbelt has been to provide its citizens, young and old, with readily available park facilities. Thus, we are purchasing land for the future citizens of Greenbelt. As now planned, the future citizens will be paying half the cost of \$500,000. As my wife says "Honey, I just saved you \$250,000". Citizens, be a wise bargain hunter - vote Yes for the "Green Spaces" referendum.

I therefore fully support the referendum of \$250,000 to purchase park land and I urge all voters to do likewise.

MOORE

Yes, I favor the proposal for the city to make a bond issue totaling \$250,000 for the acquisition of parklands and for land upon which to construct a new service building. Even though these two items are possibly diverse in nature, they are both needs of the city and the procedure to combine them into one issue is certainly proper and in order.

The need for a new service building is self-evident. There is an amount of money available from the sale of the previous warehouse buildings that is considered sufficient to construct the necessary buildings after procurement of the land. If funds are not obtained in this manner for purchasing land for this building, arrangements will have to be made in some other manner which may or may not be as advantageous to the city and its taxpayers as this one.

Recently, I appeared with other members of the Steering Committee of CFPG, before the Prince Georges County Commissioners to present our views on the growth and development of Greenbelt. After we spoke, they pointed out to us that these parklands, open spaces, and "green" belts would have to be provided by the city itself, if they were wanted, and that it was folly to expect them to be furnished to us by others.

All of us that are crying, "Keep Greenbelt green" need to realize that if we want parklands and open spaces to match our continued growth, it is up to us to act now to provide them. As in most matters of the city government, the details of choosing specific sites for the parklands and for the new service building will have to be left up to the discretion of the City Council. It is my feeling that interested citizens can vote affirmatively for this issue in the coming referendum with assured confidence that the men they elect to Council will properly carry out their further wishes.

PILSKI

The acquisition of the parkland adjacent to Greenbelt has many desirable features. Valuable land in a beautiful setting for the city's major park. Federal Aid for the purchase and development of both park and service building. Protection from undesirable zoning proposals, and accessibility to the lake for all.

Realizing that the city may lose in tax revenues from the non-development of this area, I feel the gain would be greater in acquiring the property than the loss of revenues to the city.

I favor the acquisition, with the qualifications that it meets with the approval of the people on the referendum.

SIMONSON

I certainly favor the bond issue to acquire parkland. Even with the proposed purchase, our per capita parkland will eventually be below nationally-recommended standards. We should not let our heritage as a garden city sink any further.

A sobering look at traffic statistics is pertinent. Many more Americans have been killed in traffic accidents than have been killed in all American wars combined. A substantial percentage of those were killed within 50 miles of their homes, returning from outings. Local park and recreational facilities cannot stop this mass murder, but could significantly reduce it if our urban communities had imaginative, adequate, and well-run programs and facilities.

WHITE

The city does not at present own land suitable for the development of a Municipal Services Facility (Public Works Area), and any such site must be purchased. In addition, some separated parcels of undeveloped prime parkland may become available for purchase. It is possible that all of this may be accomplished for \$125,000. However, should the cost be the total amount asked in the referendum, a taxpayer whose property was valued at \$10,000 would be contributing approximately \$7.50 toward the total cost the first year and this would decrease each successive year. I favor this referendum, however, remember that the majority vote of the electorate decides such issues as referendums.

SMITH

The acquisition of park land which is proposed for the bond issue is adjacent to Greenbelt Lake. I feel that in order to protect our lake shore and to provide adequate park land in the future, particularly in this area, we must obtain this land.

CHAMPION

Yes, I favor this proposal and refer the readers of the News Review to Mr. Giese's series of articles running currently in this paper for further details. He speaks "for" and "with" the full approval of Council. But while he speaks for Council, in outlining what we believe are our City's needs, the laws of the State of Maryland put the decision to spend these sums of money in the hands of the people and as an elected official I would be bound by the dictates of the people. This is for you to decide.

GREENHILL ROAD

(4) In order that the maximum number of alternative routes for traffic from the North End of town to Crescent rd. be made available, the 1965-66 municipal budget calls for construction of the Greenhill-Hillside roads cut-through and the connection of Ridge rd. to Lastner Lane. How do you feel about this project?

FOLEY

In my opinion interconnecting routes within our community should alleviate congestion. However, I have not completed my survey on this proposal to determine the need for these connecting roads and the feelings of the people directly involved.

GELLER

This is apt to be a sectional issue, since it directly involves those who reside along the affected roads. This issue, however, must be viewed objectively from the standpoint of the entire community. If the flow of traffic in and around Greenbelt is to be safe, orderly, and convenient, the burden on all through roads should be equalized. Therefore, I will work vigorously for the Lastner Lane-Ridge Road connection as well as for the Greenhill Road cut-through.

HOFF

Opening of Greenhill road is now a part of G.H.I.'s new development program. A recent referendum approved by the G.H.I. membership provides for the building of a new home on Greenhill Road. — This project will aid in the opening of this much needed street.

It is a project which has been long in realization. In May 1962 the Advisory Planning Board presented to City Council a list of capital improvements in order of priority. The opening of Greenhill Road was #7 on the list. Since that time many of the other items have been completed.

Our road network must serve all the residents, and be safe, attractive, properly maintained, and designed to allow access for vehicles of police, fire, and rescue units. The roads must allow convenient routes of commuting to and from one's destination. The opening of Greenhill road will reduce some of the burden and will improve the circulation of traffic on the city's existing roads.

MOORE

With respect to the construction of the Greenhill-Hillside Rds. cut-through and the connection of Ridge Rd. to Lastner Lane, I feel that both of these projects should be completed as soon as possible. In addition to the need for alternative routes for traffic, there is an inherent need to provide more than one means of ingress and egress for such substantial numbers of homes, in order to prevent a possible bottle-neck. Witness the very recent occasion of our Labor Day Parade. Due to the temporary blocking of Crescent Road at the Greenhill Rd. connection, residents of Lakewood found themselves 'bottled up' for a period of time. This situation is true also of other areas of our city, such as Edmonston Rd. at Springhill Lake, Lakecrest Dr. at Charlestowne Village,

Ridge Rd. at Lakeside North, Lakeside Drive, Plateau Pl. and others.

It would appear that the best answer to problems such as these (along with the problems of streets insufficiently wide to handle necessary traffic loads, of no sidewalks, etc.) would be to include them as an integral part of the development of the land in these areas. If performed as a part of the construction program, and as a part of a master plan for the city, these items could automatically be completed prior to occupancy by most residents. This would also eliminate the uncertainty of who is to pay for the costs of such improvements. As it is now, the base and method of charging for benefits is open to controversy and an unwillingness to participate. This situation exists in the matter of the cut through at Greenhill-Hillside Rds. We will likewise be faced with similar situations when it comes time to make further improvements to other streets, such as those listed above.

PILSKI

Greenhill-Hillside Road cut-through is not a simple alternate route for traffic as indicated. Problems for G.H.I. and Lakewood are presented. Due to the heating pipes for G.H.I. being located under the proposed road, it is necessary for the grade of the road to be raised on the only street in the city that is on a hill. This creates a blind spot for vehicles going up, or coming down, resulting in a safety factor the likes of which the city has never had.

The families on Hillside have used this dead-end area for the children to play. Parents have a feeling of well-being in the area because this contemplated traffic has not existed.

The proposed assessment of 100% to G.H.I. on a proposed through road has dangerous precedent-setting connotations, as only a few homes may be built. This expenditure of \$9000 may not be high to council in considering G. H.I. as a corporation, but staggering to an individual, and expensive to G.H.I. as a cooperative.

Lakewood residents have petitioned council showing an overwhelming majority opposed to the opening of this land.

For these reasons I am against the opening of Greenhill Road until the solutions of G.H.I., the city and Lakewood are formulated and resolved.

SIMONSON

The effective operation of our community-protection services (fire-fighting and ambulance) require two-way access to any residence further than the length of a fire hose from a through street. I therefore favor the earliest possible completion of both Greenhill and Ridge roads, in conformance with the 1957 and 1965 Master Plans of Greenbelt. The greatest safety for all citizens lies in the availability of the greatest number of alternative routes.

WHITE

The present council has approved the cut-through of Greenhill Road and placed funds in this annual budget. I feel that the completion of unimproved Ridge Road is vitally and urgently needed to provide a necessary alternate route into the NORTH END of the city.

SMITH

It is certainly desirable that we have a maximum number of alternative traffic routes through the City of Greenbelt and it is unfortunate that Greenhill Road was not opened through to Hillside Road when the subdivision was built. It is my opinion that, should Greenhill Road be opened, Ridge Road through Lastner Lane should also be opened and, at the earliest possible date, Ridge Road through to Kenilworth Avenue.

CHAMPION

The Greenhill-Hillside road cut through will ultimately be opened up with construction by GHI of buildings on their undeveloped land which abuts the unimproved portion of this street, but in my opinion an alternate road is needed to re-

duce the traffic load. Therefore, Mayor Smith and I worked to secure an additional outlet for traffic from the North End of town by opening up Ridge Road to Lastner Lane at or as near to the same time as the Hillside - Greenhill road connection has been made. This will then provide two additional routes to the North End of town. If re-elected, I would then work to have Council request the aid of the County Commissioners in condemning a portion of a farm outside the City Limits (but adjacent thereto, by the water tank) so that the City can purchase sufficient rights-of-way to extend Ridge Road along the Northern boundary of the City to a point where it would intersect with Kenilworth Avenue, thus providing a direct entrance to the North End from Kenilworth and reducing the traffic along Crescent Road which eventually transverses through these new sub-divisions to reach the North End of town.

SERVICES

(5) Greenbelt's population is growing rapidly. What are your views on citizen request for:

a) continuation of round-the-clock, full-time police protection?

b) continued execution of a vigorous landscaping and conservation program with special emphasis on development of parkland and pathways around Greenbelt Lake?

c) continued expansion of the recreation program as the need develops — for example, new softball fields and playgrounds?

d) upward adjustment of city salary scales so as to assure attraction of competent personnel?

To what extent would your views be affected by the fact that a one-time extra half-year's tax will be levied next year because of a change in State law?

FOLEY

(a) I believe wholeheartedly in public safety and it is a MUST that we have round-the-clock adequate police protection.

(b) The City should improve and continue to improve landscaping and conservation programs, and most assuredly create a pathway giving access to all the people of Greenbelt to the lake. This pathway should be wide enough to allow space for a police car to patrol the area, thereby giving adequate protection to the people of the City.

(c) Greenbelt is a community based on family activities, and I believe we should continue to provide adequate recreational facilities to meet the need for our growing community.

(d) Competent personnel are a must to insure adequate public service to the citizens of Greenbelt. I would support a study of salary scales paid in other cities of comparable size where reasonable and accurate studies have been made.

With reference to the question concerning a one-time extra half year's taxes that will be levied next year because of a change in State law, it is my feeling that applying an extra half year's taxes together with a full year's taxes next year would place a heavy burden on many people unable to pay a 1½ year tax at one time. I would recommend that the extra half year's tax be applied on a pro rata basis making it less burdensome on the taxpayer. I suggest that this issue be presented to our City Attorney with the request that a study be made to determine the fiscal problems that are involved. His findings should be presented to the City Council and the Council make recommendations to our state officials at Annapolis.

GELLER

(a) I favor round the clock, full time police protection, because this is a service that the City can provide more efficiently and flexibly than the county. That the cost of this security is indeed inexpensive insurance can be attested to by the

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fact that some of our brother communities are now investigating the setting up of their own police departments.

(b) Our open spaces and parklands make Greenbelt a unique community. I believe that we should make and keep them beautiful. A program to achieve this has been initiated, and should be carried forward as expeditiously as possible. For only if they are developed and maintained will they be an asset to the City, and used by the residents.

(c) The recreational program should reflect the needs and desires of the residents. There should be a continual evaluation of these programs and facilities to insure that they are adequate and fulfill the above objectives. In this regard, if elected, I would seek the advice of the Recreation Advisory Board.

(d) The hiring of City employees is a function of the City Manager. In order to enable him to compete for competent people in the local labor market, we must offer competitive salaries. Too low a pay scale results in the employment of the marginal workers, or rapid turnover of the competent ones who move on to better paying jobs. Low wages do not necessarily result in lower operating costs. Again, I would seek the advice of the Personnel Advisory Board for guidance in this area.

My actions would certainly be guided by the extra half year tax that will have to be collected next year. It would have been preferable to have planned for this several years ago, so that the burden would not be too great at one time. Unfortunately, this was not done. I believe that the budget will have to be looked at closely, and the burden to the taxpayer taken into consideration. I hope that the increase in the tax base will soften some of the blow. If this is not sufficient, then all new programs would have to be evaluated as to whether they could be postponed without detriment to the City. I would not under any circumstances emasculate vital ongoing activities such as police protection, or the recreational program, for the sole purpose of decreasing the tax.

HOFF

(a) A review of the city's 1964 annual report shows a marked increase in all areas of police activity. We live in the suburbs of a large metropolitan area which has a growing crime rate and we must increase our police activity in proportion to the need in order to maintain our present level of protection and safety. For these reasons I feel it a necessity to continue around the clock police service as well as to continue to maintain an adequate police force for our city.

(b) In the area of parks and parkland the city faces many problems yet to be solved. I favor the development of a better maintenance program which would provide for:

(a) Sodding barren areas in the lake area. (b) Development and improvement of pathways around the lake. (c) Construction of a shelter house. (d) Installation of water and sanitary facilities at the lake. (e) Maintaining the lake shore-line in a natural state. This would achieve an impression of a rural area in the center of an urbanized development. Such a shore line would serve as a small wild life preserve. (f) Further landscaping and repair of the concourse in the Center mall. (g) Development of a softball field below the dam. (h) Additional playground equipment at the lake. (i) Additional picnic benches. (j) Keeping the park clean.

All of the above items are possible and well within the income of the city. Many of these services are already provided for in the parks budget for the year 1965-66.

(c) Greenbelters are fortunate in having one of the most active and progressive municipal recreation programs in the state. The city also has a very capable, energetic director who has been maintaining a

well-rounded program for all age groups. Therefore I would greatly encourage the continuance and further development of this much needed community program, including new softball fields and playgrounds.

(d) Continual re-examination and appraisal of existing city salary scales is necessary in a competitive and fluctuating labor market. Therefore, it is not necessary that the city salary scales show an upward adjustment, but only that they reflect the competitive labor market price required to attract competent personnel for the community.

MOORE

As Greenbelt continues to grow, and as increasing tax funds become available, I believe that our total municipal services should continue to grow . . . but in the same proportion. As residents and taxpayers of this city, we must face the fact that we can have whatever we decide upon, IF WE ARE ALSO WILLING TO PAY FOR IT.

I am in favor of continuing (a) maximum police protection (b) development of parkland around Greenbelt Lake (c) expansion of the recreation program (d) and upward adjustment of city salary scales; but I am in favor of other programs too that could be suggested in many other areas. Our need is for a **WELL BALANCED** program that encompasses, in proper proportion, all our needs, within the framework of a planned budget, and according to the tax load that we are individually and collectively agreeable to carrying. It is not best for any geographical group, or for any special promotion group, to get all they want at the expense of others.

Our taxes will automatically be increased next year by the necessity to levy a special one-time, extra, half-years tax because of a change in State law. Accordingly, we must be careful that our planned programs and our regular services do not suffer drastically by possible curtailment of these items in order to make funds available for the extra increase. I favor maintaining our scheduled and growing programs in so far as possible and the acceptance of this special increase by the taxpayers, to whatever extent necessary, after all other sources of revenue have been exhausted.

PILSKI

(a) Full-time police protection is needed for the peace of mind of our citizens.

(b) Parkland we have should be maintained and kept for the pleasure and use of our children.

(c) Expansion of our recreation creates no problem to a city that already has programs unsurpassed by any community.

Expansion for expansion's sake is not a solution.

Each new proposed program must be analyzed on its own merits.

(d) I have always felt that we must reward the competent personnel the city has been fortunate to have. If our present employees are kept happy, the attraction of competent personnel, when needed, will not be a problem.

The extra half-years tax should create no problem. The increase in our tax base spread over more people will not bring a burden to the people.

SIMONSON

(a) Full round-the-clock police protection will be even more important in the future than it is today. Increasing population density invariably fosters higher crime rates, especially of the more serious varieties. Crime deterrent is a major function of police patrol, and prevention cost society far less than crime itself.

(b) I have urged the acquisition and development of lake parkland ever since my appointment to the APB in 1960. When the 1964-65 budget was under consideration, I urged postponement of tennis court expenditures to facilitate an accelerated parks program. With this, Council concurred. A separate Parks Crew was established in the

Public Works department, and the program was accelerated. Some work was done near the lake, but to me the progress has been disappointingly slow. The lack of obvious demarcation of city-owned land, of marked easements (access) to that land east of the lake, and lack of surfaced paths along the lake have sharply curtailed the enjoyment of nature walks by our citizenry; have left the Charlestown Village elementary school children with no suitable walkway to Center School; and have resulted in a very few adjoining citizens violating city parkland by tree-cutting and other measures. The denuding and disfiguring of other lake parkland by developers is a disgrace and should likewise be corrected.

(c) Our recreation program and facilities must expand to serve our expanding population. Our most valuable asset of tomorrow is our youth of today. Tomorrow's society will be better only to the extent that our youth's interests and energies find expression in activities that develop sound bodies, minds, and attitudes. Adult recreation must also receive increasing attention as automation shortens man's working hours.

(d) Salary scales play a major role in attracting and holding competent personnel—not only starting pay rates but the prospects for future advancement. Fringe benefits also enhance or detract from a job, but cannot substitute for a decent living wage. I favor a sound personnel policy that gives attention to all aspects of job satisfaction, including salary.

The change-over in tax year should not be permitted to strangle any of the above programs. This change-over should have been done in the way business firms meet large foreseeable expenses—by setting up reserves. Council tried to do this, but bowed to the overwhelming opposition of current land-owners. The latter apparently preferred to pay the full 1½ year's taxes in one year, hoping that the expanding tax base would lessen the impact when the time came. Council should explore equitable ways of handling individual hardship cases.

WHITE

(a) I favor the continuation of full-time police protection.

(b) I favor the continuation of our conservation program and the clean-up of our parks and recreation areas.

(c) I favor a continued recreation program and facilities in accordance with our needs.

(d) I favor City salary scales that will attract competent personnel.

The half-year tax levy would have no effect on the above stated views.

SMITH

5. (a) I favor a continuance of round the clock police protection with maximum utilization of services available by the County and State police. A few years ago the City attempted to utilize the dispatcher service of the County Police which proved completely inadequate to meet our needs. In 1959 I supported a proposal that municipalities which provide such services as police protection be given an adjustment in their County taxes. I strongly feel that where residents of a municipality provide their own municipal services they should not be required to pay for these same services again in the form of County taxes and I would

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propose that we ask the Maryland Legislature to adjust this inequity.

(b) In the 1964-65 budget we provided a park crew and funds for the maintenance and restoration of our park areas. In order to plan for the future and to provide for the needs of our growing community, it is necessary that we not only continue this program but that it must be expanded.

(c) At the last budget hearing the inadequacy of some of our present recreational facilities, such as softball fields and playgrounds, became very obvious. In order to provide adequate facilities, we must start thinking in terms of additional ones.

(d) The City of Greenbelt is competing in the local labor market with the Federal Government, State Government, other local governments, and private enterprise. We must provide attractive salaries, in line with the area pay scale, if we are to compete in attracting competent personnel.

We should avoid any substantial change in the present budget during the period affected by the one-half year levy so as to avoid a hardship to the taxpayers during this period.

Classes Offered by YWCA

The Montgomery County Branch of YWCA is offering a varied program of classes beginning the week of Sept. 20. Athletic classes include swimming, gymnastics, golf, tennis, ice skating, and horseback

CHAMPION

The past three Councils I have served on have, with minor differences, supported the services mentioned in this question. No Councilman who has achieved election has ever advocated abolishing night police protection in our recent rapid growth period. Development of City owned land around the lake can best be done when and if the bond issue passes. Additional recreational areas can best be secured by a unified council who have the ability and foresight to negotiate for parkland before the heart is carved out by development. Swamp-land is too expensive to reclaim! City salary scales are reviewed periodically by the council to assure retention of our present experienced personnel and to provide for a fair level of income to all municipal employees.

As to the extra half year's tax levy, it is still not too late to obtain relief in the form of a deferred payment plan if the levy proves to be too great a burden on the taxpayer. This can be done by legislation in the next session of the General Assembly in Annapolis and if the people indicate a desire for this I would certainly lobby for such a bill at that time.

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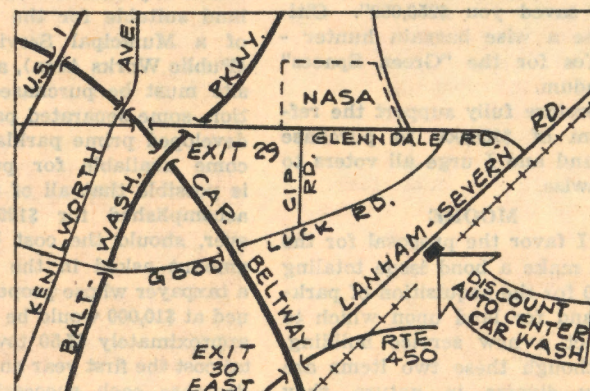
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The shorter 1½ mile race was won by Fred Huber in 7 min. 14 sec. The first three Greenbelt runners to finish were Bill Webb and Michael and Harry Noel.

Two medical doctors were in the 9 mile race, and a 54-year-old man was third in the 1½ miler. These men run with the Washington Road Runners Club, which holds races each week at distances which vary weekly from 1½ miles to the classical marathon distance of just over 26 miles.

Many comments were heard from the runners that this was the best conducted race in the Washington area, for which Athletic director Ritchie Stevenson is to be commended.

To continue local interest in running, the Jr. Chamber of Commerce of Greenbelt plans to sponsor a "Jog Along" program, which will have its start on Saturday, September 25, in Greenbelt. The object is to get as many people as possible to come out and "jog," not run, for a mile and a half or however long they can do comfortably. Practice will make it easier for those who wish to run for physical fitness and a longer life. Additional information will appear in the News Review or can be obtained from J. L. Noel, 474-9362.

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The rain didn't stop Patty and Shirley Clute, 11 Greenway, from having a Muscular Dystrophy Party. With their helpers, Bernadette and Margaret Brinsko, Donna and Jackie Snoddy, and George, Natalie and Linda Matthews, they earned \$10 for a very worthwhile cause.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmidt, 9116 Edmonston. Edward Michael was born August 6, weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz.

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For some youngsters, the opening of school is a joyous and eagerly awaited event. It is an opening door to a wonderland of learning experiences and achievement. This is the way it should be for all students. However, there are young people who, for numerous reasons, don't find the opening of school such a pleasant event. Somewhere along the way something has upset the orderly system and they aren't able to achieve as they should . . . therefore they are denied the satisfaction of a job well done.

For these youngsters the Greenbelt Tutoring Group plans again this year to provide a Study Hall every evening, Monday through Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 40 Ridge. We are hoping to reopen this service the first week in October.

The Study Hall is open to any young person who wants to take advantage of a study area where he can get help in math, science, language arts, and other subjects on request. Reference books and an abridged dictionary are available.

Monitors are needed for the study hall. Last year a faithful few staffed the project. Other helping hands and heads were and are still needed. The students who attend do so because they need help. We need the time and talents of mature Greenbelters to carry on this work. If you are interested, please call 474-8225 or 474-7171 and sign yourself up for an interesting and rewarding season.

Nursery School To Open

Sixty-two students from Greenbelt and surrounding communities will begin the school year at the Greenbelt Nursery School, Inc. on Monday, Sept. 13. Four sessions for three- and four-year-olds are held daily in the Fellowship Hall of the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent. The teaching staff includes the director, Mrs. Betty Seidman, and teachers, Mrs. Virginia Samborski and Mrs. Marsha Turner.

The cooperative school is administered by an Executive Board headed this year by the following officers: president, Mrs. Patricia Unger; vice-president, Mrs. Elaine Fox; secretary, Mrs. Judy Wulff; and treasurer, Mrs. Myrna Siegel.

Recreation Review

by Richard Stevenson
Director of Recreation
Labor Day Awards

The Labor Day weekend activities were very successful and we have winners from quite a few tournaments.

Tennis: Boys' - J. Skillman, 1st; J. O'Brien, 2nd. Men's Singles - Wenrick, 1st; Kelly, 2nd. Men's Doubles - Wenrick & Kelly, 1st; O'Brien & Husar, 2nd. Men's 40 & over Singles - C. Simonson, 1st. Softball. Buckingham, 1st; Wheaton, 2nd.

Horseshoes: Boys' Singles - Archambo, 1st; W. Palmer, 2nd. Boys' Doubles - Chaney & Murphy, 1st; Trudeau & T. Kolbrecki, 2nd. Men's

Singles - Maxwell, 1st; Beck, 2nd. Men's Doubles - Fankhauser & Maxwell, 1st; Kerr & Gaffney, 2nd.

Archery: Barry Petro: - 1st, Fred Baluch - 2nd, Milton Greenbaum - 3rd; Dave Weiner - 4th. In the Girls' Division, 1st place went to Elane Rosetti.

Race: In the 9.3 mile race, Robert Scharf came in first.

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